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"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
John 20:29

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! These words echo out frequently during the Easter season. Easter is a time of celebration that lifts the spirits, fulfills the Lord's promises, and literally projects us into having hope about the future. Easter is both an event and an experience. It's looking back to when God did the incredible miracle of raising Jesus from the dead. In the midst of sadness and disappointment, God had not forgotten God's promises. And like the disciples learned, it's only as we put our hope in the Lord that we discover the joy of never being disappointed or discouraged. That's the victory of Easter. We want the fresh new life the Lord makes possible. We want the power of God's forgiving love to work in our hearts.

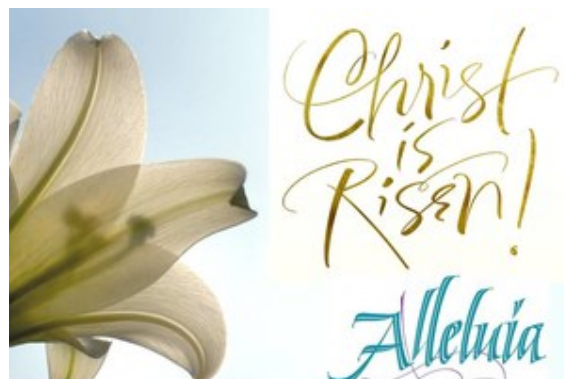
It was so nice to hold Holy Week and Easter services in person this year after our virtual services of 2020 and 2021. On Maundy Thursday, we worshipped with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Columbus Joeen Methodist Church. Todd Engen and Jim Jaeger provided a dialogue between the disciples Peter and Judas before we celebrated communion together during the service. At the end of the service, George Biemel sang *Ah, Holy Jesus* while we stripped the altar. That always is such a poignant experience for me! Then on Good Friday, we hosted a community tenebrae service, with 4 other local churches participating. We celebrated the joy of the resurrection and the return of Alleluias with two services on Easter morning in a sanctuary transformed by beautiful Easter lilies. In between services we enjoyed a delicious Easter breakfast coordinated by Cindy Frey and her crew.

Thanks to all who helped out in any way with the extra services, breakfast, music and readings. And thanks to our Executive Committee who read the Passion according to John on Palm/Passion Sunday.

As we continue to enjoy the gift of new life with our spring season, may we continue to experience the power of the resurrection and share the good news with others. Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

See you in church!

Pastor Robin



ANNOUNCEMENT

In-person Worship With the repeal of the Columbus mask mandate, masks are now optional. Please feel free to wear a mask if you are more comfortable with one on.

Holy Communion Consecrated communion kits can be picked up in the church office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon for those unable to attend in-person.

Donation Opportunities

The Smoky Row Food Pantry is at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus. The most needed items for **April, May, and June** include:

- Toilet paper
- Baby items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
- Toothpaste (regular, not sample size)
- Laundry detergent
- Kitchen cleaning items, such as dishwasher liquid, and dish soap
- Peanut butter
- Pasta of all kinds

Place your donations in the tubs located in the Narthex during church service hours, or during published office hours - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Your generosity is appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!

Meals on Wheels

May 20	Tucker	June 17	Farel
May 21	Wolfe	June 18	Cardimen

2022 Graduates We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates on Sunday, June 12. If you or a family member are graduating in 2022, please provide the church with the following information: Name, school/university, month graduating, degree if applicable, future plans and a picture. Please email the church with this information at flc7350@gmail.com.

Worship Servers Needed! If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. Worship service, please let either Tracy Farel or Pastor Robin know. Lectors, counters, and greeters are needed.

Sunday School is now in person for ages preschool through 7th grade! Hope to see you on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

Kroger Plus Fundraising Information: If you would like to register your Kroger card for the Community Rewards Program, please contact Pastor Robin or the church office. Thank you so much for participating in this fundraiser!

Thrivent Members - For those of you with choice dollars. don't forget that Fellowship can be a recipient of those dollars. Thank you to all who have donated this way in the past!

Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with Vanco Mobile - If you would like to give to Fellowship with your smartphone, please download Vanco's new smartphone app, **Vanco Mobile**. Vanco Mobile will enable anyone to donate at anytime to Fellowship. It makes it easy to give instantaneously for a regular gift, a recurring gift, or a special occasion gift.

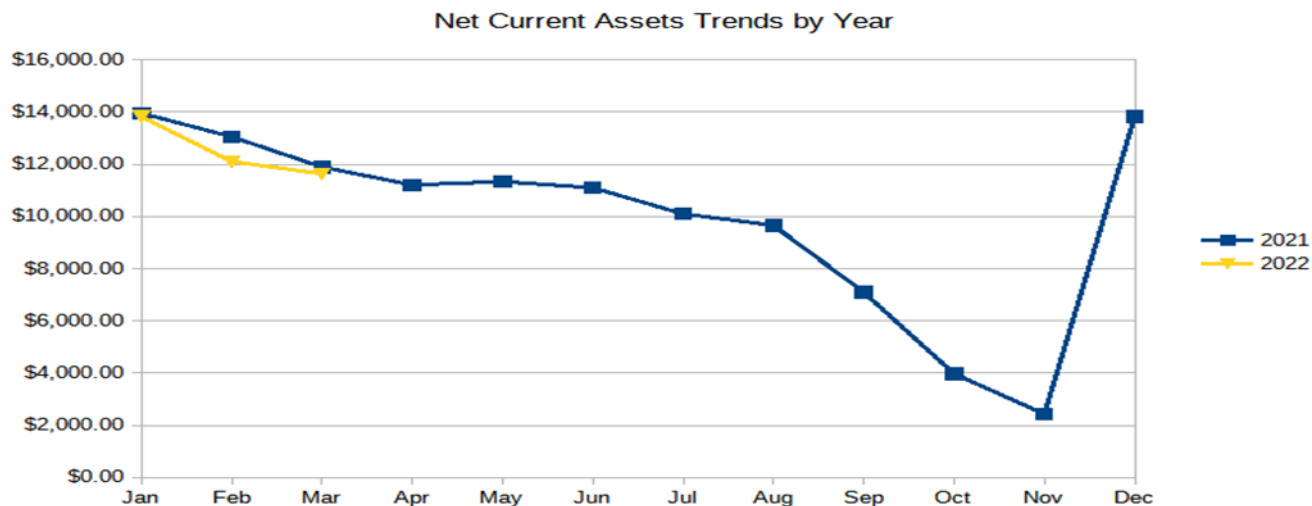
Do You Order From Amazon? If so, then try Amazon Smile to support Fellowship Lutheran Church! First, go to Amazon Smile and choose Fellowship Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Fellowship will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!

Staying Connected Program for the Elderly - Did you know that Ohio has a program for the elderly to "stay connected?" You get to pick the hour to receive the phone call. For more information, here is the link: <https://aging.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/aging/care-and-living/get-help/staying-connected/>

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

3/2 (Ash Weds.)	20/18 views	4/3	39/3/14 views
3/6	33/4/26 views	4/6 (midweek)	7/9 views
3/9 (midweek)	7/13 views	4/10	44/6/21 views
3/13	28/6/15 views	4/14 (M. Thurs)	34/14 views
3/16 (midweek)	7/10 views	4/15 (G. Friday)	46/12 views
3/20	33/3/19 views	4/17 (Easter)	19/41/24 views
3/23 (midweek)	3/23 views	4/24	23/18 views
3/27	27/6/16 views		
3/30 (midweek)	6/13 views		

Thank you for your support of Fellowship so far this year. Thanks to your support, our worship income is 105% of our estimated income for the first quarter. As you can see on the chart below, our available cash assets are tracking just about the same as last year. This is a pretty good start to the year. As you can see, it is typical that our available assets trend downward over the course of the year.



In 2022, we committed to increase our benevolence to the Southern Ohio Synod from 7.5% of our worship offering to 8%. We gave \$2,745 (8% of our worship income) to the Southern Ohio Synod to support them as they support us. In addition to congregational support, the Synod also supports area ministries such as Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio and Campus Ministries at OSU, Capital and other area colleges. This quarter we also gave \$260 to LSS Food Pantries for the Souper Bowl. Thank you for all your contributions there. Too bad the \$240 that we gave to show our support for the Bengals didn't help them win the game.

We also paid off our part of the roof repairs. The \$32,170 of our insurance claim was paid out to the roofers. That has completed our responsibility to the roofers for their work.

We have been entrusted with \$20,000 dollars from Grace Lutheran Church of Pennsylvania. Their church closed and they made us beneficiaries of the proceeds from a portion of the sale of their assets. They have entrusted us to use these funds to support our local community. Our Outreach Team is currently working on what organizations to disburse those funds to that would align with the goals of Grace Lutheran's members. These monies are being held in a restricted fund to be allocated and disbursed in accordance with their vision.

On the next page are the first quarter statistics of our bank balances, income and expenses.

Thank you again for your support. I am happy to answer any questions you might have about our financial status.

Todd Engen, Treasurer

tcengen@att.net

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Net Current Equity			\$11,634.86
Total Equity			\$2,267,694.46
	Bank Account		\$37,934.05
	Savings Account (MMA)		\$16,230.20
	Total Cash On-Hand		\$54,164.25
	Mortgage Balance		\$265,987.32
		March	Year to Date
INCOME	Worship Offering	\$9,810.80	\$34,323.93
	Building Use Donations	\$3,500.00	\$6,100.00
	Miscellaneous Donations	253.05	\$627.47
	Interest Income	1.17	\$3.92
	Restricted Income	0.00	\$20,592.53
Total Income		\$13,565.02	\$61,647.85
	Thrivent Grants	\$0.00	\$250.00
Total Expenses		\$12,342.03	\$43,057.48

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Office Secretary	Tracy Farel
Pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Sub. Pianist/Organist	David Fleisher, Ruth Albert
Choir/Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Kathryn Tucker
Vice-President	George Biemel
Secretary	Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin

Congregational Life

Director	Cindy Frey
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Education & Youth

Director	Dianna Roll
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Outreach

Director	Carol Jaeger
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Stewardship & Support

Director	John Votino
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Worship

Director	Karen Harris
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Thank you for your leadership!!!

Worship Servers Schedule for April 2022

Date	May 1	May 8	May 15
Lay Reader	George Biemel		
Counter	John Votino	Bill Lude	
Greeter	George Biemel	Bill Lude	
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

Date	May 22	May 29
Lay Reader		
Counter		
Greeter		
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

Worship Servers Needed!

We have not yet returned to our full schedule of worship servers due to COVID. If you can fill any of our openings for readers, counters or greeters or help out in future months, please call or email Tracy or Pastor Robin. Thanks!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship Team (zoom)	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
8 9:15 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-2:30 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
15 9:15 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00-9:00 pm - BAPS	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
22 9:15 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Outreach Team (zoom)	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
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FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Fritzi Bear | Lillian Kachic |
| George Biemel | Frank & Leena LeMay |
| Maxine Brunner | Bill Lude |
| Major N Crispin | Sonja Meighen |
| Barb Fisher | Joshua Mott |
| Pat Frey | Stacy Niedecker |
| Dominic Frey | Martha Sampson |
| Margery Gress | Ray & Carol Ward |
| Cheryl Hamilton | Bill Zahn |
| Zach Jaeger | |

May Birthdays

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| Susan Lee | 5/05 |
| Tom Scantland | 5/07 |
| Kate King | 5/08 |
| Maria Anderson | 5/09 |
| Matt Bear | 5/12 |
| Sam Sgro | 5/13 |
| John M. Votino | 5/14 |
| Karen Harris | 5/24 |
| John Votino | 5/25 |
| Hazel Almeida | 5/28 |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother
- Alisha Butscher**, Karen Harris' friend
- Linda Chickey**, Ruth Albert's co-worker
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother
- Eleanore Gartner**, Sonya Thelin's friend's mother
- Marc Hamilton**, Cheryl Hamilton's son
- Megan Harris**, Karen Harris' daughter
- Pat Henceforth**, Rev. Ron Bott's friend
- George Lude**, Bill Lude's brother
- Judy Lytle**, Donna Williamson's sister-in-law
- Mark Schwippert**, Donna Williamson's friend
- Hadley Valesky**, Votino's great niece
- Megan Votino**, Nathan Votino's wife



Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month! This list reflects the information we have in our computer at this time. We welcome your corrections and additions!

DEATHS:

- Patti Goldberry**, Jaeger family friend's mother
- Jim Voneman**, Jim Jaeger's friend

May Anniversaries

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| Michael & Kate King | 5/04 |
| David & Sarah Almeida | 5/05 |
| Bill & Kathy Farel | 5/12 |
| Bill & Pam Lude | 5/30 |



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Our Purpose: To share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

Our Vision: To be a diverse, thriving community of faith where all are welcome to celebrate God's love and grace.

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